

# Newark

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TO: HONORABLE SHARPE JAMES  
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FROM: HAROLD LUCAS  
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DATE: JUNE 6, 2002

RE: NATIONAL PARK SERVICE GRANT

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Last week, the National Park Service (NPS) announced Urban Park and Recreation Recovery grants to 71 cities and counties. I am proud to notify you that the application submitted by this administration in collaboration with the Trust for Public Land (TPL) for the restoration of Mildred Helms Park has been funded for the maximum amount of \$1 million. The State of NJ has committed to providing the required 15% match, and TPL will also contribute funds and staff time. The NPS press release is attached for your information, along with the list of the projects funded in NJ.

I have received the notification letter about this grant to you from NPS Director Fran P. Mainella. The necessary paperwork to begin the project must be completed within 120 days, and will be coordinated with through this office. Funds will go to the TPL Newark City Spaces Program on a pass-through basis to implement a community design process, architectural and construction services.

The TPL and the newly incorporated Mildred Helms Park Restoration Committee are anxious to begin the participatory park redesign process, and are planning a kick-off event for the middle of July. I will keep your office apprised of the proposed schedule for it.

Please let me know if any additional information is needed at this time.



Harold Lucas

**Attachment**

c: Alfred L. Faiella, Deputy Mayor/Director, Dept. of Economic and Housing Development  
Marshall Cooper, Director, Dept. of Neighborhood Services  
Pamela Goldstein, Communication Manager